

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S395–S420

Measures Introduced: Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3534–3538, and S. Res. 499. **Page S413**

Measures Reported:

S. 180, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development. (S. Rept. No. 117–60)

S. 1317, to modify the boundary of the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument in the State of Arizona. (S. Rept. No. 117–61) **Page S413**

Brennan Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 12), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S402**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 1, 2022; that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:30 a.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Charles Esque Fleming, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, all post-cloture time expire at 2:15 p.m. **Page S416**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Chris Saunders, of Vermont, to be Federal Chairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Deborah R. Coen, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2028.

Christine M. Kim, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026.

Karen Ann Stout, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026.

LaWanda Amaker Toney, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education.

Vanessa Roberts Avery, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Trina A. Higgins, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Jesse A. Laslovich, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

S. Lane Tucker, of Alaska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

Alexander M.M. Uballez, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2026.

Jane E. Young, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

57 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

23 Army nominations in the rank of general.

30 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps. **Pages S416–20**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Beth Ann Williams, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for the remainder of the term expiring January 29, 2023, which was sent to the Senate on November 15, 2021. **Page S420**

Messages from the House: **Page S413**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) Page S402

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S416.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D69)

S. 2959, to provide that, due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, applications for impact aid funding for fiscal year 2023 may use certain data submitted in the fiscal year 2022 application. Signed on January 21, 2022. (Public Law 117–83)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine expanding broadband access, focusing on the Department of Commerce broadband programs in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2:30 p.m., SD–192/VTC.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Director, and Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director, both of the Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., SH–216/VTC.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and

Data Security, to hold hearings to examine COVID-19 fraud and price gouging, 2:30 p.m., SR–253/VTC.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the state of the U.S. territories, 3 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Sudan's imperiled transition, focusing on United States policy in the wake of the October 25th coup, 10 a.m., SD–106/VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine mental health and substance use disorders, focusing on responding to the growing crisis, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Director, and Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director, both of the Office of Management and Budget, 10:15 a.m., SD–342/VTC.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenly Kiya Kato, and Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Jennifer Louise Rochon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration Entrepreneurial Development Programs and initiatives, 2:30 p.m., SR–301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4445, the "Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021"; H.R. 3485, the "Global Respect Act"; and H.R. 4521, the "Bioeconomy Research and Development Act of 2021" [America COMPETES Act of 2022], 1 p.m., Webex.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 1 through February 4, 2022

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Bridget Meehan Brennan, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Charles Esque Fleming, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, and if cloture is invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Charles Esque Fleming, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Augustin Ruiz, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine expanding broadband access, focusing on the Department of Commerce broadband programs in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-192/VTC.

Committee on Armed Services: February 2, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to receive a closed joint briefing on U.S. policy on Afghanistan, 10 a.m., CVC-200.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 3, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Vice Chairman for Supervision, and to be a Member of the Board of Governors, and Lisa DeNell Cook, of Michigan, and Philip Nathan Jefferson, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Board of Governors, all of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

Committee on the Budget: February 1, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Director, and Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director, both of the Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., SH-216/VTC.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 1, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine COVID-19 fraud and price gouging, 2:30 p.m., SR-253/VTC.

February 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Alvaro M. Bedoya, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade

Commissioner, Ann Claire Phillips, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, John Edward Putnam, of Colorado, to be General Counsel, and Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Transportation, Kathy K. Im, of Illinois, Thomas E. Rothman, of California, Elizabeth M. Sembler, of Florida, and Laura Gore Ross, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 1, to hold hearings to examine the state of the U.S. territories, 3 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 2, to hold hearings to examine legislative proposals to improve domestic recycling and composting programs, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Finance: February 2, Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the future of Medicare financing, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 1, to hold hearings to examine Sudan's imperiled transition, focusing on United States policy in the wake of the October 25th coup, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

February 2, Full Committee, with the Committee on Armed Services, to receive a closed joint briefing on U.S. policy on Afghanistan, 10 a.m., CVC-200.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: February 1, to hold hearings to examine mental health and substance use disorders, focusing on responding to the growing crisis, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: February 1, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Shalanda D. Young, of Louisiana, to be Director, and Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Director, both of the Office of Management and Budget, 10:15 a.m., SD-342/VTC.

February 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2801, to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, S. 3092, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to improve the provision of certain disaster assistance, S. 3502, to establish an Office of Civil Rights, Equity, and Community Inclusion at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 3499, to amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 3487, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase death gratuities and funeral allowances for Federal employees, S. 407, to provide redress to the employees of Air America, S. 3423, to implement merit-

based reforms to the civil service hiring system that replace degree-based hiring with skills-and competency-based hiring, S. 3510, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance with respect to natural disaster resilience, S. 3470, to provide for the implementation of certain trafficking in contracting provisions, S. 521, to require the United States Postal Service to continue selling the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp until all remaining stamps are sold, S. 3512, to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, S. 2135, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Chief Operating Officer of each agency to compile a list of unnecessary programs, S. 2483, to require the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish cybersecurity guidance for small organizations, H.R. 960, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3493 Burnet Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio, as the “John H. Leahr and Herbert M. Heilbrun Post Office”, and the nominations of Margaret A. Burnham, of Massachusetts, Gabrielle M. Dudley, of Georgia, Henry Klibanoff, of Georgia, and Brenda E. Stevenson, of California, all to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board, Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Tovah R. Calderon, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, and Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, both to be a Member, and Kurt Thomas Rumsfeld, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, all of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and Adrienne Jennings Noti, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 11 a.m., SD–342.

February 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William J. Valdez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Dimitri Kusnezov, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology, and Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, all of the Department of Homeland Security, 10:15 a.m., SD–342/VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 2, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act’s promise after 30 years, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 1, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kenly Kiya Kato, and Sunshine Suzanne Sykes, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Jennifer Louise Rochon, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD–226.

February 2, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine breaking the news, focusing on journalism, competition, and the effects of market power on a free press, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

February 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2710, to promote competition and reduce gatekeeper power in the app economy, increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers, S. 3103, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate the statute of limitations for the filing of a civil claim for any person who, while a minor, was a victim of a violation of section 1589, 1590, 1591, 2241(c), 2242, 2243, 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2260, 2421, 2422, or 2423 of such title, an original bill entitled, “EARN IT Act”, and other pending nominations, 9 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: February 1, to hold hearings to examine the Small Business Administration Entrepreneurial Development Programs and initiatives, 2:30 p.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: February 2, business meeting to consider an original bill entitled “Health Care for Burn Pit Veterans Act”, 3 p.m., SD–G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 1, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

February 2, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, February 2, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “A 2022 Review of Farm Bill Conservation Programs”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

February 3, Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture, hearing entitled “Sustainability in the Livestock Sector: Environmental Gain and Economic Viability”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 2, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, hearing entitled “Pandemic Profiteers: Legislation to Stop Corporate Price Gouging”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

February 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “FDA User Fee Reauthorization: Ensuring Safe and Effective Drugs and Biologics”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, February 2, Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance, hearing entitled “Housing America: Addressing Challenges in Serving People Experiencing Homelessness”, 10 a.m., Webex.

February 3, Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion, hearing entitled “Building Opportunity: Addressing the Financial Barriers to Minority and Women-Owned Businesses’ Involvement in Infrastructure Projects”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 3, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Overview of U.S. Priorities in the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities, Challenges and the Path Ahead”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Dynamic Terrorism Landscape and What it Means for America”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Respecting Artists with the American Music Fairness Act”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

February 3, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Prisons”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

February 4, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Examining the History and Importance of ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’”, 9 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 3, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 6142, the “Buckeye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study Act of 2021”; H.R. 6199, the “Ste. Genevieve National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act”; H.R. 6201, the “National Liberty Memorial Preservation Act”; H.R. 6337, the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act”; H.R. 6434, the “Japanese American World War II History Network Act”; H.R. 6435, the “SRS FY21 Technical Fix”; and H.R. 6451, the “Chiricahua National Park Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth and Webex.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, February 2, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6497, the “Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2022”; H.R. 6419, the “Fair Chance Improvement Act”; H.R. 6361, the “District of Columbia National Guard Commanding General Residency Act”; H.R. 5962, the “Supply Chain Security Training Act”; legislation on the GAO Mandates Revision Act; and several postal naming measures, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, February 3, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6445, the “Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2022”; H.R. 6441, the “Women’s Business Centers Improvement Act of 2022”; H.R. 6450, the “SCORE for Small Business Act of 2022”; H.R. 4877, the “One Stop Shop for Small Business Compliance Act of 2021”; and H.R. 6454, the “Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act of 2022”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 2, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “The Road Ahead for Automated Vehicles”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

February 3, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “Finding the Right Frequency: 5G Deployment and Aviation Safety”, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, February 2, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “Securing High-Demand Jobs for Veterans”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

February 2, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5575, the “VA Nurse and Physician Assistant RAISE Act”; and H.R. 6411, the “STRONG Veterans Act of 2022”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

February 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Close to Home: Supporting Vet Centers in Meeting the Needs of Veterans and Military Personnel”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “America’s Mental Health Crisis”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth and Webex.

February 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Bridging Health Equity Gaps for People with Disabilities and Chronic Conditions”, 2 p.m., Webex.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, February 2, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Manufacturing a Clean Energy Future: Climate Solutions Made in America”, 1:30 p.m., Zoom.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: February 2, to hold hearings to examine Russia’s assault on Ukraine and the international order, focusing on the western response, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

February 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Poland’s leadership of the OSCE in a time of crisis, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Tuesday, February 1

Senate Chamber

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(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Charles Esque Fleming until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.



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